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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Placer County Sheriff's Deputy Victoria Skellenger has been named the American Legion's "Law Officer of the Year."

Skellenger, a 10-year department veteran, was nominated for the honor by Terry Crouson, commander of American Legion Post No. 84. Crouson became acquainted with her through Project AIM, or Adolescent Intervention Module, a summer program for "at risk" students in the sixth- through eighth grades. Project AIM is sponsored by the Loomis Union School District.

Crouson said Skellenger's ability to work with children led to her nomination.

"Victoria was selected for her dedication and effectiveness to the youth programs sponsored and supported by the Placer County Sheriff's Department," he said.

Deputy Skellenger is part of the sheriff's Community Service Unit and has worked as a DARE officer, School Resource Officer and a POP (Problem-Oriented Policing) officer. She will receive her award later this month at the American Legion's State Convention in Redding, California.

"Youth programs are a priority at the Sheriff's Department and we're proud that Deputy Skellenger has been recognized for her part in these very important programs," said Sheriff Ed Bonner.